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State-wise details of post offices in rural areas where infrastructure equipment has been provided in the last three years

Sl. No	Name of the State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	Tripura	14	9	8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5	8	2
3	Manipur	7	9	4
4	Meghalaya	5	7	8
5	Mizoram	7	5	5
6	Nagaland	4	7	4
	TOTAL:	42	45	

Ombudsman for mobile owners

2475. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring in Ombudsman for mobile owners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent this would address the long-standing need for a speedy and low cost redressal mechanism and control threatening calls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to appoint an ombudsman for mobile owners to redress their grievances.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Limited spectrum in a single circle

2476. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI is of the view that in view of the limited spectrum in a single circle, there should be a cap on the number of players in a circle;

(b) whether the Department of Telecom is also of the same view and the Cellular Operators Association of India, Bharti and Vodafone also support this view; and

(c) if so, the circumstances and compulsion under which 159 licences have been issued for providing access service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) On 13.04.2007, Government had sought recommendations of Telecom Regulatory